

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ken-ichi HAYASHI et al.

Application No.: New Rule 1.53(b) Div.  
Appln.

Filed: July 21, 2003

Prior Application:

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Maria Alexandria Elve

Attorney Dkt. No.: 59556.00006

For: MARKING METHOD AND MARKING APPARATUS USING MULTIPLE PHOTON ABSORPTION, MARKED OPTICAL ELEMENT MANUFACTURED BY USING THE MARKING METHOD AND THE MARKING APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 21, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This Preliminary Amendment complies with the amendment format as set forth in the OG Notice at 1267 OG 106, published on February 25, 2003. .

**Amendments to the claims are submitted on page 2.**

**Remarks are submitted on page 5.**